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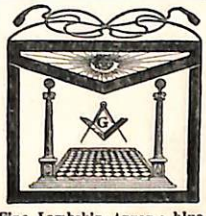

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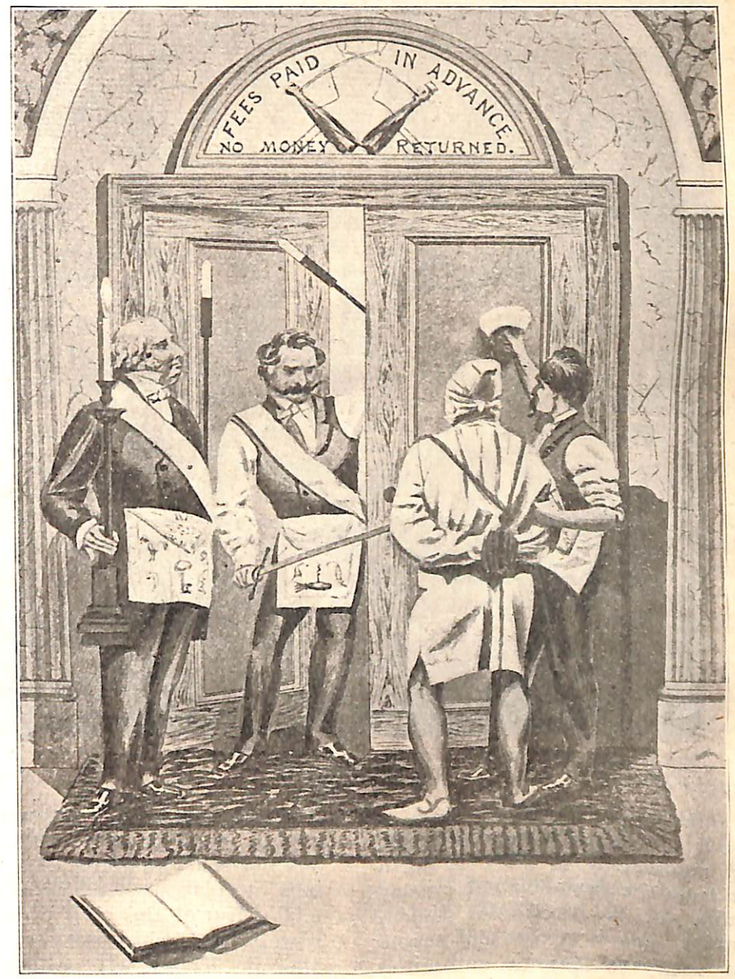

THE INITIATION.

THE START.

When one looks upon the self-evident caricatures which we publish in this number he need not wonder at the extravagant ideas our fathers and mothers had of the "goings on" in secret societies. The use of these plates is by the courtesy of Bro. Sam. Briggs, of Cleveland, O.

THE FINISH.

THAT ITALIAN MOVE.

After all the advertisement of it the proposed non-secrecy in Italy is not a recession from the time-honored privacy of Masonry. M. W. Bro. G. W. Singer, of Nebraska, was in Rome and in consultation with the Masonic authorities when the misunderstood action was decided upon. It means simply that the Masonic bodies of Italy will now meet openly in their halls and lodge rooms and not skulk in secret like "knownothings" to places where, under real or pretended fear of the civil or ecclesiastical powers, they held secret communications. Masonic lodges will still continue to transact their business *in private*, but the places of meeting will be easily found and located hereafter. Now, is not this a small matter to create so much secular gossip?

Among the Lodges.

The lodges in this city have been holding special communications to get their work up.

Trojan 548, Marion, has taken a sudden upward move and now promises to out-strip all her former records. Mr. O. M. Boyles is the Master.

One of the most wise and Masonic decisions of Grand Master Baker, was the one granting a brother the right to affiliate with *some* lodge when the one nearest his home refused him the privilege, and refused to waive jurisdiction in favor of another lodge to take him. Verily, a few more like that and the "landmarks" will reappear with a halo. Grand Master, we salute you!

While in Lake Park we were informed that the lodge has been prosperous.

At Sioux City, we were privileged to greet Brother Brownlee for a brief period and from others to learn that Masonry still thrives there.

In the address of Ven. Bro. Bushrod Washington Jones, we find the following: "No. 19, Masonic Veteran Association of the State of Iowa, organized December 29, 1891. I have failed in obtaining data." Will anyone tell us where this organization has concealed its light?

We are sorry to chronicle the fact that M. W. Bro. Geo. B. Van Saun, Grand Custodian, is too ill to attend to his work. May the blessing of heaven rest upon him in his affliction.

Bro. H. Gilmore, of Farley, conducted the school at Algona in March.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its recent annual communication, passed the following resolution: "Be it resolved, that after January 1st, 1902, no lodge in this jurisdiction shall permit any one to visit it who does not at the time of such visit, present a receipt for the payment of his dues for the year last past, or a dimit issued to him within the twelve months preceding such visitation—*Ashlar.*

In California, when an objection is made to the advancement of a candidate, the sense of the lodge is taken on the validity of said objection by a show of hands, and if not sustained by one-third vote, the candidate is given the degree over the protest.—*Ashlar.*

THE WISCONSIN WAY.

In Freemasonry the payment of dues does not save a member from falling under the ban of suspension, and, as a matter of fact, suspended members are required to pay dues during the time they are suspended. It is a punishment meted out to those who transgress the laws of Masonry, and can only be inflicted after the offending brother has been duly tried and found guilty. It is therefore unjustly stigmatizing those who may become unaffiliated for non-payment of dues to speak of them as suspended members or to record them as such.—*Tidings.*

The Council.

When the Grand Council convenes here next Fall, unless some Companion hurries up, it will be in a town where there is no Council, and Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters don't count any more. Let some enthusiastic Companion call at our office and get the blank petition or send to Wingate and get another one. We need a Council.

The Royal Arch.

It will only be a few months ere the Grand Chapter will convene in this city, and when that time comes we hope the Parlor City Companions will show the visitors what it is like to taste Cedar Rapids hospitality.

We've no news from any grand officer for this department.

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ONE DOLLAR for THREE YEARS

Our exchanges should not fault the secular press if the "Italian" item goes uncorrected by themselves.

Would Bro. John W. Brown of Chicago kindly give us a catalogue of the "Ancient Landmarks" of Freemasonry?

If we were in the advising business we'd say to several brothers now in strange employments, around town, *beware!*

We are indeed sorry to hear that Bro. Ransford, husband of the editor of the *Eastern Star*, Indianapolis, Ind., has been sick. We express sympathy, fellow sufferer.

Neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania pays mileage or per diem, "therefore," says the *Home Journal*, "the business is done with due attention, secrecy and dispatch."

The "prerogatives of a Grand Master" are largely imaginary anyhow, unless defined by the Grand Lodge. Even out west we hear of one now and then who has "prerogatives," but no fatalities are yet reported.

This paper is opposed to the attainment of a unitorm ritual of "work" through any other channel than the diplomacy of Grand Lodge action. We have all we want of national heads in the additional bodies. For Grand Lodge supremacy we standand will always contend.

And now its a fellow up in St. Paul who offers a "new Masonic rite" for patronage, called "The Ancient Free and Accepted and Accepted American Rite of Freemasonry, from the first to the thirty-third and last degree, taken from the tribes of the Indians of our Forest." Puckachee!

THE MANTLE OF CHARITY.

We believe in the charity that "suffereth long and is kind," and all that goes with Paul's beautiful picture to the Corinthians, but we do not want the charity that suffereth different lengths for different kinds—not in our Masonry anyhow. If Billy Rice paid dues for thirty years as a Mason, then by some hook or crook (and there are crooks in some Masonic bodies) was let out without due notice and had to die without the consolation of the craft for his last hours, we don't want that kind in ours. If the blame was not all on one side, we yet find fault, for someone ought, in every place where Mason's are dispersed, for the honor of the craft, search for such as are in distress.

We love the mantle of charity when it covers all—from W. M. in the East to the youngest E. A. in the Northeast. Yea, verily.

WHY ANY TYRANY?

Will any one kindly advance good and sufficient reasonings for the assumption that the prerogatives of a presiding officer in any Masonic body, or any body composed of Mason's, are arbitrary, subject to no law of equity, justice, or the sovereign wish of the majority? Does any old landmark of Masonry carry with it any such ridiculous proposition that a Master may violate his oath and rule and govern his lodge in a haughty and arbitrary manner? Does any number of self-respecting men allow such a rabid egotist to carry such folly into a second term of office? Not often. We can see no reason why there should be any tyranny in Masonry. Are not its votaries—if any are—fit for self-government? Then let the folly of "prerogative" go to the scrap-heap with a lot of other ancient conceits, while the majority rules.

HOURS OF DELIGHT.

In company with Bro. J. H. Cleaver, M. D., of Council Bluffs, we recently paid a vizit to the splendid private art collection of M. W. Bro. G. W. Linsinger in Omaha. To say that one is well paid is but a poor statement of our enjoyment. We were transported around the Masonic world in forty minutes; touched a cross that once graced the Grand Masters of the Crusading Templars, saw ancient Masonic marks and the figure at which a crank threw a chair. Yea, and held sweet converse with one of God's traveled noblemen—a sensible, intelligent, yet enthusiastic Freemason. We've this mecca in mind for future delights, and we warn our Brother that an hour of the busiest cross examination he ever had will follow our next visit.

Commanderies.

The Grand Commander has appointed E. Sir C. S. Berry, of Patmos 27, to inspect the twelfth district, vice Sir E. I. Alderman, resigned.

Grand Commander Norris and his staff were in this city April 7 making arrangements for "festal week" at Templar Park. No particulars.

The Commanderies are at it good and hard getting ready for inspection. Better have been regularly at conclaves and always opened in form. Yet, better late and somehow than not at all.

While in Ottumwa March 19, we were invited to accompany the funeral escort of Sir Knight J. D. Trebilcock whose body was being taken to Keosauqua for burial. A large number of the Sir Knights of Malta Commandery 31 were in attendance. How becoming that these "Plumed Knights" should perform this last sad rite.

The Scottish Rite.

The Buffalo bodies held their tenth annual reunion March 25-28, 1902.

Palmoni Lodge of Perfection 14 degree, Buffalo, keeps right on its good work.

At the 23d reunion of the bodies in Des Moines, a class of thirty-three was installed. Three hundred sat down to the banquet.

Maundy Thursday was kept by St. John's Chapter of Rose Croix, Davenport, March 27th.

"Health to the sick; comfort to the needy,
And succor to the oppressed everywhere."

There is but one active Inspector General, S. M. J., in Iowa and only likely to ever be one—now B. R. Sherman, 33d degree, of Vinton. We hear of a deputy somewhere in Iowa, but know nothing of him.

The head of the Southern Jurisdiction, J. D. Richardson, 33d degree, takes the place of Theodore Parvin, deceased, as representative of England and Wales near his own Supreme Council.

The Eastern Star.

We think all Iowa Stars now "set" in Masonic halls and if there's one place where they don't, let us know and we'll advertise them.

A very sensible substitute in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for an "exclusive" resolution leaves each lodge free

to allow Chapters to meet in its rooms or not as they deem best.

Aside from those who aspire to "Most" worthy there are few members of our order in this state (Washington) who think that the Grand Chapter of Washington should surrender its sovereignty into the hands of a so-called General Grand body. —*Pacific Mason.*

A WOODWARD STAR TWINKLES.

Mrs. Minnie Keigly, Past Matron of No. 160, Ocidental Chapter, Madrid, Iowa, installed the officers for the ensuing year, Feb. 18, 1902. The installation had to be postponed for six weeks on account of smallpox and public places being closed. The Chapter has 73 members, and is very enthusiastic in their work. "AN EASTERN STAR."

James Husted joined No. 2, Masonic Lodge at Muscatine, Iowa, August, 1842. Mr. Husted has held every office in the Masonic Lodge. He was for years Master, and has attended four different Grand Lodges, and now at the advanced age of 95 is an honorary member of Lodge No. 2 and believes he is entitled to the distinction of being the oldest living Mason in Iowa today, having been one for 60 years.

Woodward has a new Masonic Temple just completed. It also has an Eastern Star Chapter named Faithful Chapter No. 279, which was organized March 15, 1901, and has a membership of 35 members at this writing.

OF INTEREST TO MASONS.

Various towns have recently been claiming the honor of having as one of their citizens the oldest master mason in Iowa. As gleaned from the papers over the state the record stands thus; Chas. Haden, of Panora, who joined at Liberty, Indiana, in 1848; Hon. W. T. Smith, charter member at Oskaloosa in 1849; A. P. Berry, New Virginia, became a Mason in 1848; Louis Teuscher of Burlington, became master mason in Des Moines Lodge No. 1, the first Masonic Lodge organized in Iowa, in 1843; Woodward can go all these one better in the person of James Husted, who joined Masonic Lodge No. 2, at Muscatine, in August, 1842. Mr. Husted says he was born July 21, 1807, which makes him 95 years old next July. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Stiles, in this town. Please give us the crown until someone shows an older record than his.

AN EASTERN STAR.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent for the next five months to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated.
JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

Next month will be especially interesting as a Shrine number. Subscribe if you're not one now.

Acacia congratulates Noble Aikin of Tangier on his coming promotion to be Imperial Potentate. So say we all of us.

Acacia says Sesostris Temple has decided to entertain at the Imperial Council in June—and voted a sum of money for that purpose.

Tangier, Omaha, is raising a fund to arrange a "Midway Oasis," for the nobility going and coming in June.

San Francisco Nobles have taxed themselves liberally for our entertainment, and Charley Field has attached pipes to the Los Angeles oil wells to light the Oasis day and night.

If some of our nobility in the west were to make a comparative study of Freemasonry, their visionary powers of being beyond any appeal, would get a severe jolt. No wise or accomplished Master Mason ever gets into the fix that we saw one little Potentatelet for about a Mohammedan month once—for he knows that only those are fit to rule and govern others who themselves keep within due bounds. *Vox Populi, Vox Dei.*

The preparations for the San Francisco trip are going on at a fierce rate just now—itineraries are coming in every mail. There will be the largest attendance since 1895, and our readers want to look up the plans of Iowa and interior states. Write the editor for all his circulars and go along.

Fraternities.

The Western Economist—mixed insurance generally—B. W. Blanchard particularly—has for its motto, "each for all and all for each," much like the Germans "Us Germans must stick together side by each!"

In the case of Mrs. Jesse Kerr, of Manilla, Iowa, against the M. W. A., for the collection of $3,000, Judge McPherson, federal court, ruled in favor of the order. Suicide.

NOW LET IT REST!

The effort to get a department of insurance into the state was defeated on all fools' day. Now let the Fraternals who wanted a Fraternal department in Iowa go their way and be likewise good.

SAN FRANCISCO AND THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

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T. B. LACEY	Council Bluffs	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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Iowa General Grand (U. S.), Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct 10, 1902.

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Grand Encampment, San Francisco, Cal., 1904.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July. 8, 1902.

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Iowa, Oct. 22, 1902, Oskaloosa.

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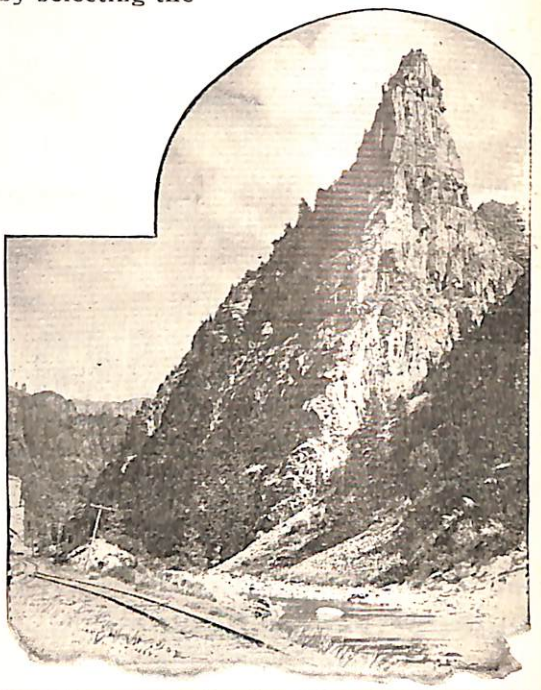

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